

MISSOURI MILITARY PREPAREDNESS AND ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION



2008 ANNUAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission (MMPEC) was established in 2005 pursuant to House Bill 348 and Senate Bill 252.

The Commission's responsibilities and duties are set forth in Section 41.010 Revised Statutes of Missouri, and include making annual recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly for legislative and administrative action which is intended to increase support for the military in Missouri and improve the lives of military families in Missouri.

The Commission is bi-partisan and consists of nine members, five of whom are appointed by the Governor, two of whom are appointed by the House, two of whom are appointed by the Senate and two ex-officio members.

This document is submitted to the Governor of Missouri and General Assembly of Missouri in compliance with the legislative requirement that the commission prepare and present an Annual Report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31 each year.

MEMBERSHIP

COMMISSION MEMBERS

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COMMISSION STAFF

Marcy Mealy, Boards and Commissions Coordinator, Missouri Department of Economic Development

MEETINGS

In 2008 the Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission met on the following dates and at the following locations:

- February 20, 2008, Jefferson City
- April 2, 2008, Jefferson City
- July 16, 2008, Jefferson City
- August 20, 2008, Conference Call
- September 24, 2008, Conference Call
- October 15, 2008, Whiteman Air Force Base
- December 2, 2008, Conference Call



MILITARY PRESENCE IN MISSOURI

RESERVE

ARMY RESERVE

The Army Reserve is a community-based federal operational force of skill-rich Warrior-Citizens providing complementary capabilities for joint expeditionary and domestic operations.

Priorities of the Army Reserve

Manning the force is the highest priority for the AR this year:

- Army Reserve-Recruiting Assistance Program (AR-RAP) is the key to FY 09 recruiting success - Soldier registration and command emphasis is critical to optimizing results from this program
- Every AR Soldier is a recruiter: Private thru General



AR Transformation is reaching culmination:

- The profound AR changes driven by BRAC is now evident in the OCT 07 stand-up of the 4 new RSCs, the continued transition out of AR force structure of 12 RRCs and the ongoing establishment of AR O&F commands
- Construction of 125 new AR facilities to replace 174 outdated “drill halls” will improve quality of life for AR Soldiers

Families are essential to AR Soldier’s success:

- We recruit Soldiers; we retain families
- Virtual installations are working to connect AR families across CONUS and OCONUS - we must know these resources and enable
- Family Members to use them routinely

The Employer Outreach Program:

- We cannot succeed in the Army Reserve without the support of our Soldier’s Employers
- The Army Reserve is working hard to establish Employer Partnerships in our critical MOS shortages to benefit both the Army Reserve and the Employer

Missions-Current and Future for all Army Reserve Units

The Army Reserve continues to train in order to provide ready Soldiers and units in answer to the Nation's call to duty as deemed necessary by the Department of the Army.

The Army Reserve in Missouri currently has 29 facilities throughout the state, with at total of 836,817 square feet. The required budget for those facilities is \$7,959,017.00.

There are 144 units in those facilities, with 4,705 drilling Soldiers, 1,577 individual ready reserve Soldiers (on the rolls, but do not drill), 612 full time Active Guard and Reserve Soldiers (Soldiers that are on active duty) and 227 full time civilian employees. The average annual payroll for the Army Reserve in Missouri is \$132,051,306.00.

The state of Missouri currently has 341 Soldiers activated in response to Operation Iraqi Freedom, 336 Soldiers activated in response to Operation Enduring Freedom.



NAVY AND MARINE CORPS RESERVE

The Navy and Marine Corps Reserve organizations have about 6,500 personnel in Missouri. Units are located in Bridgeton, Cape Girardeau, Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield, and Whiteman Air Force Base. Navy and Marine Corps Reserve pay in Missouri totals about \$24.5 million annually.

NATIONAL GUARD

The Missouri National Guard has a long and proud history of serving the state and the nation. The Missouri Guard, located in 63 communities throughout the state, has approximately 11,500 Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen who stand ready to meet this dual mission. The fiscal year 2007 economic impact to the state of federal funds brought to the state to support the Army and Air Guard was over \$850,000,000.

Our state mission is to support the Governor by providing trained personnel and unit equipment capable of deploying to protect life and property and maintain peace, order and public safety. We had over 1200 troops deployed during the recent floods.

The federal mission calls for the support of the United States national military objectives by providing trained and equipped troops for federal mobilization. We currently have over 1500 troops deployed around the world.

As a result of recruiting successes, Missouri Guard is receiving added military structure. Not only will this result in increases in personnel and equipment, but the economic impact will be an increase of over \$100,000,000 federal funds. In addition to expected increases of troop strength, and military units in the state, federal construction includes a Joint Armed Forces Reserve Center at Jefferson Barracks, maintenance facilities to support National Guard aviation assets, machine gun range at Ft Leonard Wood and armory additions to support new units.

This map shows National Guard facilities located throughout the state.



Guard support programs include veterans recognition, family readiness and volunteer, youth events, marriage enrichment, family relief fund, funeral honors and educational assistance.

ROSECRANS

For more than sixty years the 139th Airlift Wing located in St Joseph has served Community, State and Nation with excellence. As a major employer in Northwest Missouri the 139th Airlift Wing continues to seek

new missions and expansion. With an annual payroll exceeding fifty million dollars and an annual economic impact of nearly seventy five million dollars the value of the 139th Airlift Wing is clearly evident.

The Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center located with the 139th Airlift Wing is in its third decade of providing training to airlift crews for United States forces as well as 15 allied countries.

FORT LEONARD WOOD

Fort Leonard Wood is located in the south central portion of the Missouri Ozarks and covers an area of more than 62,000 acres, of which nearly 54,000 acres is used for training.

The fort is home to the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center where chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear students; engineer students; and military police students receive training. Included in the mix for training are transportation Soldiers, plus Marines, Airmen, Sailors and international students from allied nations.

The Installation Management Command (IMCOM) Garrison provides Base Operations Services to Soldiers, Leaders and Families and is a civic partner to a strong community relationship. Garrison command personnel support the training mission of the installation, mobilized and deployed active and reserve component units and personnel, and operate and maintain the installation facilities and programs that ensure a quality of life for assigned service personnel, civilians and their families.

More than 5,200 active duty military personnel and approximately 6,700 civilian and contract employees work at the installation.

The number of Soldiers trained annually include: Engineer School – 22,000; Military Police School – 17,000; CBRN School – 13,000; and 3rd Chemical Brigade – 12,000. More than 3,000 Non-commissioned Officers are trained in advanced leadership skills each year.

There is an average daytime population of more than 35,000 people at Fort Leonard Wood.

More than 100,000 people visit Fort Leonard Wood's John B. Mahaffey Museum Complex each year with its growing collection of historical artifacts. One of the museum's unique projects is the restoration of a World War II company area that features a dining facility, barracks, company headquarters and officer quarters from the 1940s.

Fort Leonard Wood has a direct economic impact of \$740.3 million and an indirect economic impact of \$1.65 billion.

WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE

Whiteman AFB is located near Knob Noster, about 65 miles southeast of Kansas City, where it occupies close to 5,000 acres. It is one of the military's most important joint installations and has the distinction of being the only Air Force base to be home to three wings. It has an annual operations and maintenance budget of more than \$125 million and flying assets in excess of \$45 billion. Its economic impact is in excess of \$530 million per year. Over 12,000 military, civilians and dependents are members of the Whiteman AFB community.

The 509th Bomb Wing, the only unit to operate and maintain the Air Force's premier weapon system, the B-2 bomber, proudly resides at Whiteman. The B-2 is a multi-role bomber capable of delivering both conventional and nuclear munitions. A dramatic leap forward in technology, the bomber represents a major milestone in stealth aircraft development. The unit can launch combat sorties directly from Missouri to any spot on the globe, engaging adversaries with large payloads of traditional or precision-guided munitions. The B-2 brings massive firepower to bear, in a short time, anywhere on the globe through previously impenetrable defenses. It holds at risk any target in the world and can strike and return to Whiteman without having to land. It holds the world record for duration of a air combat mission (44.3 hours) which was achieved during Operation Enduring Freedom when a B-2, launched from Whiteman, was the first military action in response to the 9/11 attacks on America.

Also calling Whiteman home are the 442nd Fighter Wing, an Air Force Reserve Command unit that flies the A-10 Thunderbolt II; the 131st Bomb Wing of the Missouri Air Guard which also flies the B-2; and the Army National Guard's 1-135th Aviation Battalion, which flies the AH-64 Apache helicopter. In addition, Whiteman is home for the United States Navy's Reserve Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 114 whose mission is to provide surveillance, intelligence and force protection measures for naval assets.

Whiteman has a complete portfolio of programs covering the entire range of support for military members, families, retirees and civilian personnel.

Today, the 509th Bomb Wing with the B-2 platform continues to provide the nation with a rapid response option, able to precisely strike heavily defended targets anywhere on Earth. The B-2's unprecedented lethality and effectiveness deter opponents from traditional battlefield operations, driving them to adopt distributed and dispersed operations. The B-2 will continue to be a bomber option for the nation's leaders, and the 509th Bomb Wing will continue to hunt down and destroy America's enemies for many years to come.

MISSOURI VETERANS COMMISSION

The Missouri Veterans Commission (MVC), a state agency, operates seven State Veterans Homes, four State Veterans Cemeteries, and the Veterans Services Program. The commission is committed to honoring and serving Missouri's Veterans whose dedication and sacrifices have preserved our nation and its freedoms. The State of Missouri receives \$1.3 billion each year through VA federal expenditures via compensation and pension, education, vocational rehabilitation, all medical related expenses, health care, general revenue expenditures, and construction of which \$694 million are direct payments to Missouri's Veterans. The Veteran's Commission provides many services to our veterans, including:

HOMES PROGRAM

- 7 State Veterans Homes provide quality skilled nursing care to 1,350 Missouri Veterans
- Hosting Health Fairs to invite the community to experience the Home
- Hosting volunteer recognition events

CEMETERY PROGRAM

- 4 State Veterans Cemeteries have conducted 6, 147 interments with dignity and respect for Missouri Veterans and their family members
- Wreaths Across America
- Missing in America
- National POW/MIA Day
- Development of a 5th State Veterans Cemetery at Ft. Leonard Wood



VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAM

- Outreach to Missouri's 53, 000 Veterans and their families with 42 MVC Accredited Veterans Service Officers located throughout the state and special programs developed to educate and coordinate Women Veterans, Minority Veterans, Incarcerated Veterans and Global War on Terror (GWOT) Veterans.
- Missouri National Guard – HERO Education and Awareness Campaign
- Whiteman Air Force Base – Family Readiness Briefings and case management
- Ft. Leonard Wood – WTU (Warrior Transition Unit briefings and case management)
- Social Security Administration – Wounded Warrior Program
- Small Business Administration – Expedited Programs for GWOT

MISSOURI VETERANS HOME HONORED

The Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg was designated the 2008 national winner for clinical and service excellence and was rated No. 1 in a field of more than 850 homes nationwide.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IMPACT IN MISSOURI

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN MISSOURI

Missouri ranks seventh in Defense procurements with \$10.7 billion in Defense procurement during FY 2008. Accordingly, the St. Louis metropolitan area ranks second in Defense contracts, surpassed only by Fort Worth, TX. Employment directly related to active duty military, Defense civilians, and Defense contractors is estimated at over sixty thousand people with indirect employment totaling nearly 135,000.

MILITARY IN MISSOURI

- 25,724 civilian and active duty military personnel in Missouri (16,241 military and 9,483 government civilian)

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE MILITARY IN MISSOURI

- 2006 – increase in gross state product of \$3.7 billion
- \$2.1 billion dollar increase in wage and salary income
- Indirect impact from military presence in state = 27, 946 jobs

FISCAL IMPACT OF THE MILITARY IN MISSOURI

- Contributed \$104.8 million to state general revenues
- Presence of the military in Missouri caused more people to migrate to the state, increasing state spending on education, public amenities, and social services by an amount of \$48.1 million

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS IN MISSOURI

- Awarded more than 89,162 contracts totaling \$10.7B to Missouri vendors

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF U.S. DoD CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS IN MISSOURI

- Contract obligation awards amounted to \$10.7 billion and contributed \$5.38 billion to wage and salary income in Missouri
- Contributions to employment totaled 134,894 due to the contracts awarded

FISCAL IMPACT OF DoD CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS IN MISSOURI

- Department of Defense contracts in Missouri contributed \$364.8 million to state general revenues in 2007

Information provided by MERIC, Missouri Economic Research and Information Center, www.MissouriEconomy.org.

NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (NGA)

The NGA is a Department of Defense combat support agency and a member of the national intelligence community. NGA is the intelligence community's principal producer of and advisor for geospatial intelligence and develops imagery and map-based intelligence solutions for U. S. national defense, homeland security, peacekeeping, safety of navigation and other national security objectives.

Information collected and processed by NGA is tailored for customer-specific solutions. By giving customers ready access to geospatial intelligence, NGA provides support to civilian and military leaders and contributes to the state of readiness of U.S. military forces.

The NGA has major facilities in the St. Louis area with about 3,500 employees including military, government civilian, and contractors.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY – KANSAS CITY PLANT

The Kansas City Plant (KCP) is owned by the Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). The KCP is included in the MMPEC annual report because of its



unique role in providing support to the Department of Defense (DoD). The KCP was established in 1949 and is currently operated by Honeywell. The KCP takes product requirements from the NNSA and designs from the national laboratories, procures supplies, and produces quality components and systems for other nuclear weapons complex sites and the military. These capabilities form the basis of the KCP work-for-others program that provides services, products, and systems for homeland security, DoD and other government agencies. As one of the nation's most diverse low-volume, high-reliability production facilities, the KCP is at the heart of the NNSA nuclear weapons complex.

THE KANSAS CITY PLANT PROVIDES:

- Approximately 2,700 employees with more than 61,000 years of workforce manufacturing knowledge.
- Eighty-five percent of the components that go into a nuclear weapon, relying on only six percent of the NNSA's budget.
- Weapons support from concept through production and on to retirement.
- More than 100,000 parts—ranging from nuts and bolts to complex radars—annually.

KCP anticipates moving into a new, state-of-the-art facility near Richards-Gebauer in the next few years.



FEDERAL IMPACT AID TO MISSOURI SCHOOLS

IMPACT AID REVENUE AS REPORTED BY DISTRICTS ON THE 2007-2008 ANNUAL SECRETARY OF THE BOARD REPORT (ASBR)

AS OF OCTOBER 9, 2008

Data may not be final as district audits and DESE review of the ASBRs have not been completed

District Code	District Name	Impact Aid Revenue
008-107	WARSAW R-IX	\$107,877.00
018-047	EAST CARTER CO. R-II	\$17,490.00
018-050	VAN BUREN R-I	\$74,027.00
019-152	BELTON 124	\$71,586.07
020-001	STOCKTON R-I	\$12,634.00
022-088	CHADWICK R-I	\$2,300.00
024-087	SMITHVILLE R-II	\$93,360.00
024-091	MISSOURI CITY 56	\$24,371.00
035-102	KENNETT 39	\$9,008.61
042-111	HENRY CO. R-I	\$22,781.32
043-002	WHEATLAND R-II	\$8,280.00
043-004	HERMITAGE R-IV	\$9,445.00
047-060	SOUTH IRON CO. R-I	\$4,580.52
047-065	IRON CO. C-4	\$16,242.73
048-080	CENTER 58	\$313,166.00
048-904	HOGAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY	\$21,194.99
051-155	KNOB NOSTER R-VIII	\$6,515,758.25
051-156	LEETON R-X	\$8,343.32
051-159	WARRENSBURG R-VI	\$44,883.72
067-061	CHARLESTON R-I	\$18,777.82
075-087	ALTON R-IV	\$5,554.00
077-103	DORA R-III	\$60.00
084-002	FAIR PLAY R-II	\$2,867.00
085-043	SWEDEBORG R-III	\$137.85
085-045	LAQUEY R-V	\$38,465.54
085-046	WAYNESVILLE R-VI	\$16,779,685.18
085-048	DIXON R-I	\$88,197.60
090-076	SOUTHERN REYNOLDS CO. R-II	\$12,497.34
090-077	BUNKER R-III	\$1,513.55
090-078	LESTERVILLE R-IV	\$872.00
093-123	LAKELAND R-III	\$36,795.00
093-124	OSCEOLA	\$42,372.40
101-105	WINONA R-III	\$43,648.00
101-107	EMINENCE R-I	\$27,004.00
106-001	BRADLEYVILLE R-I	\$17,652.00
107-151	SUCCESS R-VI	\$15,183.26
111-086	GREENVILLE R-II	\$45,428.00
115-115	ST. LOUIS CITY	\$662,585.63
	Total	\$25,216,625.70

MILITARY CHILD EDUCATION COALITION (MCEC)

The Military Child Education Coalition is a non-profit organization that identifies the challenges that face the military child, increases awareness and initiates and implements programs to meet the needs for the military child. Their goal is to level the playing field for military children wherever they are located around the world as they generally move from six to nine times during their school years. They also help families, schools and communities to be better prepared to support the military child during these difficult times in the life of the military families.



MCEC assists military spouses with finding teaching opportunities and provides training seminars on a variety of topics. These include: transitioning, support for special needs families, communication and networking, guard and reserve support. With their new program, Living in the New Normal, they focus on all the changes inherent with mom or dad returning from deployments.

Our MMPEC representative to attend this year's conference in Grapevine, Texas was Tanya Harencak. "For The Sake of the Child, For the Good of the World" was this year's theme and the organization celebrated their 10th anniversary with a truly impressive record of ten years of service to the highly mobile military child. MCEC's goals clearly mirror MMPEC's efforts to make our state fully supportive of the educational needs of the military family.

INTERSTATE COMPACT

Military families move between postings on a regular basis which can play havoc with the children of military families who must frequently change schools. There is a significant need, at the state and local levels, to ensure that the children of military families are afforded the same opportunities for educational success as other children and are not penalized or delayed in achieving their educational goals by inflexible administrative and bureaucratic practices. The average military student faces transition challenges more than twice during high school and most military children will have six to nine different school systems in their lives from kindergarten to 12th grade.

The Council of State Governments (CSG), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Defense, has drafted a new interstate compact that addresses the following issues that impact military children:

ENROLLMENT

- **Educational Records** – the new compact provides that schools must share records in a timely manner in order to expedite the proper enrollment and placement of students.
- **Immunizations** – the new compact requires students to obtain immunizations in the receiving state no later than 30 days from the date of enrollment, or as otherwise provided.
- **Age of Enrollment/Course Continuation** – the compact requires, absent a new enrollment in Kindergarten, that a student shall be allowed to continue their enrollment at grade level in the receiving state commensurate with their grade level from the sending state.

ELIGIBILITY

- **Power of Attorney** – special power of attorney, duly possessed by a guardian, shall be sufficient for the purposes of enrollment and all other actions requiring parental participation and consent.
- **Tuition** – a local education agency shall be prohibited from charging local tuition to a military child placed in the care of a non-custodial parent or other person standing in loco parentis who lives in a jurisdiction other than that of the custodial parent.

- **Non-custodial parents** - a military child, placed in the care of a non-custodial parent of other person standing in loco parentis who lives in a jurisdiction other than that of the custodial parent, may continue to attend the school in which he/she was enrolled while residing with the custodial parent.
- **Extracurricular activities** – state and local education agencies shall facilitate the opportunity for military children’s inclusion in extracurricular activities to the extent they are otherwise qualified.

PLACEMENT

Course placement/Educational Program placement – when the student transfers before or during the school year, the receiving state school shall initially honor placement of the student in educational courses based on the student’s enrollment in the sending state school and/or educational assessments conducted at the school in the sending state if the courses are offered. This does not preclude the school in the receiving state from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement and continued enrollment of the student in the course(s).

- **Special education services** – pursuant to federal law, the receiving state shall initially provide comparable services to a student with disabilities based on his/her current Individualized Education Program (IEP); and the receiving state shall make reasonable accommodations and modifications to address the needs of incoming students with disabilities, subject to an existing 504 or Title II Plan, to provide the student with equal access to education. This does not preclude the school in the receiving state from performing subsequent evaluations to ensure appropriate placement of the student.
- **Placement flexibility** – administrative officials in the receiving state shall have flexibility in waiving course/program prerequisites, or other preconditions for placement in courses/programs offered under the jurisdiction of the local education agency.
- **Absence as related to deployment activities** – local education agencies shall be given greater flexibility to grant excused absences to students for visitation with a parent or legal guardian who is active duty and who also is under broadly defined circumstances associated with deployment.

GRADUATION

- **Waiver requirements** – the compact provides a standard that requires the receiving state to waive specific courses required for graduation if similar course work has been satisfactorily completed in the sending state.
- **Exit exams** – the compact provides a more uniform standard for how exit or end-of-course exams, national norm-referenced achievement tests, or other alternative tests will impact students who are approaching graduation.
- **Transfers during Senior year** – the compact allows the receiving state to work with the sending state to permit the student to graduate with a diploma from the latter if the receiving state has exhausted all of its options under the compact and is yet unable to grant a diploma to the student.

STATE COORDINATION

- **State Council** – each state will be required to develop a State Council, or make use of an existing body or board, to provide for the coordination among its agencies of government, local education agencies and military installations concerning the state’s participation in, and compliance with, this compact.
- **Military Family Education Liaison** – the State Council of each member state shall appoint or designate a military family education liaison to assist military families and the state in facilitating the implementation of this compact.

NATIONAL COORDINATION

- **Interstate Commission** – the governing body of the new interstate compact composed of representatives from each member state as well as various ex-officio members representing impacted stakeholder groups, the Interstate Commission will provide general oversight of the agreement, create and enforce rules governing the compact’s operation and promote training and compliance with the compact’s requirements.

The Compact is an agreement between the states and among the states, that they will handle these critical issues in the same way. Ten states were required to actively engage this agreement. Missouri was the seventh state out of the first ten states to sign the compact. The other states were: Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan and Oklahoma.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Having identified issues and made findings and recommendations in this Report, some of which invite appropriate legislation, we call upon the General Assembly to pass legislation consistent with this report that would:

- (1) Provide sufficient funding to the Commission to operate and function in performance of its legislative mandates on positioning Missouri to retain its existing military facilities and to acquire additional missions for our military installations;
- (2) Ensure that resident college tuition continues to be available to the spouse and eligible dependents of the military family who remain in Missouri after the military person departed Missouri because of military re-assignment, retirement or in the event of death;
- (3) Re-enact Section 115.277 RSMo. as it existed prior to the year 2002; and
- (4) Provide sufficient funding for Missouri to contract with a consultant/advocate to assess the possibility of enhancements or losses to Missouri with regard to future BRAC or similar initiatives and to pursue the objectives of the Commission as outlined in the enabling legislation.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OTHER STATE ACTION

- 1) The Governor, when appointing members to the State Board of Education, appoint at least one member with a military background and interest in military family issues;
- (2) Continue efforts with respect to Encroachment of military posts and bases and enhancement of mission capabilities for the military posts and bases located within Missouri and in support thereof:
 - (a) Investigate military posts and bases in Missouri to ascertain the land expansion needs of each post or base and formulate a strategy to work with and harmonize efforts with post or base commanders to accomplish acquisition of additional land utilizing the post and base commanders' discretionary authority to do so with Federal funds and, in addition, to implement whatever Federal administrative or legislative action necessary to achieve the expansion goals;
 - (b) Determine the feasibility of creating a standby state and local authority to provide funds to use in lieu of such Federal discretionary funds available to Commanders of posts and bases and, if appropriate to supplement with State or local funds, if necessary;
 - (c) Study and formulate a land bank or lease back or other land acquisition strategies providing good neighbor relations, but with controls to protect the mission of the military posts or bases; and
 - (d) Investigate the possibility of state agencies or local government acquiring or protecting land needed by the military posts and bases to protect against current or latent encroachment issues.
- (3) Ensure that local school districts of Missouri with military children are aware of the number of students in their districts who have military parents assigned in the district or are deployed, including the National Guard and Reserves;

- (4) Encourage local school districts of Missouri with military children join the Military Child Education Coalition (See www.MilitaryChild.org);
- (5) Encourage the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as well as local school districts and Missouri citizens at large to consider the merits of the Whole Child Initiative by re-defining what it means to be a well-educated high school graduate in the 21st Century (www.wholechilddeducation.org);
- (6) Through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website make available to the Missouri K-12 school counseling community and in particular to the local school districts of Missouri with military children access to the Interactive Counseling Center of the Military Child Education Coalition;
- (7) Encourage the study and consider the resources available for educating students who are struggling in school and in life by utilizing what the military knows about developing young people (Center for Children and Families, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036);
- (8) Continue promotion of the Missouri “Troops to Teachers” program;
- (9) Ensure that active duty service members and their families, in addition to National Guard and Reservists, have the opportunity to access job services provided by the Missouri Division of Workforce Development;
- (10) Recommend that all Missouri High Schools with military students become signatories to the Memorandum of Agreement entitled “The Guiding Principles For Addressing Issues of Transitioning Military Students” (See www.MilitaryChild.org);
- (11) Recommend that Missouri fund the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program; and
- (12) Encourage the local school districts of Missouri to participate in the Power of 11¢ Campaign.
- (13) Recommend that the Department of Higher Education create, fund and implement a State sponsored program for Missouri public colleges and universities to assist military veterans entering college under the GI Bill to transition and adjust to college life.



MISSOURI MILITARY PREPAREDNESS AND ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION LINKS

WWW.MMPEC.DED.MO.GOV

Missouri Veterans Commission	www.mvc.dps.mo.gov
Fort Leonard Wood	www.wood.army.mil
Whiteman Air Force Base	www.whiteman.af.mil
139th Airlift Wing	www.mostjo.ang.af.mil
Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center	www.mostjo.ang.af.mil/aattc/default.htm
Missouri National Guard	www.moguard.com
Leonard Wood Institute	http://leonardwoodinstitute.org
Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC)	www.brac.gov/
Missouri Office of Homeland Security	www.dps.mo.gov/HomelandSecurity/index.htm
Military One Source	http://www.militaryonesource.com/skins/MOS/home.aspx
Missouri's Sunshine Law	http://ago.mo.gov/sunshinelaw/
U.S. Department of Homeland Security	www.dhs.gov/
US Department of Defense	www.defenselink.mil
Benefiting the US Army, US Navy, US AirForce, Marine Corps, Coast Guard	www.military.com
National Military Family Association NMFA	www.nmfa.org
USA 4 Military Families	www.usa4militaryfamilies.org
Missouri School Board Association	www.msbanet.org
Military Newspapers	www.militarynews.com
Military Connections Military News and Veteran News	www.militaryconnections.com/news
Military Life	www.militarylife.com
The Guidon	www.flw-guidon.com/
Spirit Times Whiteman Air Force Base - Whiteman Spirit Archive	www.whiteman.af.mil
Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Center	www.missouribusiness.net/ptac
Heartland Procurement Technical Assistance Center	www.mssu.edu/heartlandptac/

OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES

Military Child Education Coalition™	www.MilitaryChild.org
Education Resource Center	www.MilitaryChild.org
Ask Aunt Peggie	www.AskAuntPeggie.com/
SchoolQuest™	www.SchoolQuest.org
American Legislative Exchange Council	www.ALEC.org
Council of Chief State School Officers	www.CCSSO.org
Education Trust	www.EdTrust.org
Education Commission of the States	www.ECS.org
Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve	www.ESGR.org
Military Impacted Schools Association	www.MilitaryStudent.org
National Center for Alternative Certification	www.Teach-Now.org
National Conference of State Legislatures	www.NCSL.org
National Governors Association	www.NGA.org
National Parent Teacher Associations	www.PTA.org
PreK Now	www.PreKNow.org
United States Department of Defense	www.DefenseLink.mil
United States Department of Education	www.Ed.gov
USA 4 Military Families	www.USA4MilitaryFamilies.org



MISSOURI MILITARY PREPAREDNESS AND ENHANCEMENT COMMISSION LEGACY

2005

SB 252- Creates the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission

HB 119- Requires continuation of life insurance benefits for state employees and retirees who are called to military service in times of active armed warfare

HB 348- Establishes the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission

Town Hall Meeting at Whiteman Air Force Base, Warrensburg

Town Hall Meeting at Fort Leonard Wood, St. Robert

2006

SB 845- Modifies fees and reinstatement processes in the event of corporate administrative dissolution, in the event that a corporation was administratively dissolved due to a failure to file an annual registration report, if the secretary of state concludes that the failure was due to military service.

HB 1787- Establishes the Guard at Home Program to assist the spouse of an active-duty National Guard or reservist with immediate needs and employment to prevent the family from falling into poverty.

Recommended to the Missouri General Assembly that additional funding be granted to the Missouri state veterans cemeteries.

Developed a print and web document that provides answers to some of the frequently asked questions from military families with regard to education access in Missouri.

Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission Coordinator added to the staff at the Department of Economic Development

Defense/Homeland Security Industry Specialist added to the staff at the Department of Economic Development

2007

HB 444-Eliminates taxes on any Social Security or Public Pension benefits for those who are 62 years and older. This includes veterans.

HB 654- Exempts the property of a veterans' organization from real and personal property taxes, increases the amount of matching grants for veterans' programs, and establishes the Stolen Valor Act of 2007

SB 22- Removes the requirement that Johnson County plans and zones an area surrounding a military base located in the county without a zoning commission and a board of adjustment.

Resolution Expressing Support for Fully Funding the True Health Care Needs and Related Benefit Programs for the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs

Commendation to Rachel Wheeler

Town Hall Meeting at Whiteman Air Force Base, Warrensburg

Town Hall Meeting at Rosecrans Memorial Airport Air Guard Station, St. Joseph

Participation in the BRAC Workforce Summit

Participation in Congressman Ike Skelton's Procurement Conference

Participation in the Military Child Education Coalition Annual Conference

Membership to the Military Child Education Coalition

Membership to the Association of Defense Communities

2008

HB 1678 - Changes the laws regarding members of the military and their families. In its main provisions, the bill:

- Allows the Chairman of the Missouri Military Preparedness and Enhancement Commission as an ex officio member of the Missouri Veterans Commission and vice versa;
- Allows a military dependent who has completed an accredited prekindergarten program or completed or attended a kindergarten program in another state to enter kindergarten or first grade, even if the child has not reached the required age for Missouri schools by August 1;
- Authorizes the State Board of Education to develop recommendations regarding alternate assessments for military dependents who relocate to Missouri during the school year;
- Authorizes Missouri to enter into the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and establishes the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The compact covers issues including facilitation of enrollment, both in classes and extracurricular activities; placement; graduation; and information-sharing;
- Requires the state board to establish rules to allow the issuance of a provisional teacher's certificate before the completion of a background check to the spouse of a military member who holds a teacher's certificate in another state that requires a background check and who has relocated within the last year;
- Allows school districts to accept a course in government completed in another state when a student transfers to a Missouri high school in ninth to twelfth grade to satisfy the state's graduation requirement;
- Allows the spouse and children of a soldier who after September 11, 2001, was killed or died of an illness while serving in action or became 80% disabled from an injury sustained in combat action and was a Missouri citizen at the time of enlistment and when the death or injury occurred to receive an educational grant for tuition at a public or private college or university in Missouri. The Coordinating Board of Higher Education within the Department of Higher Education will award up to 25 grants annually;
- Establishes the Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act which requires all public higher education institutions which receive state funds appropriated by the General Assembly to limit the tuition charged to combat veterans for undergraduate studies to \$50 per credit hour;
- Specifies that a person's absence, relocation, or failure to comply with custody and visitation due to military service and out-of-state deployment, by itself, is not sufficient to justify a modification of a child custody or visitation order; and
- Renames the Guard at Home Program to the Hero at Home Program and expands the program to cover the first year after discharge from deployment, to cover reservists, and to cover situations in which an individual cannot return to his or her previous employment.

SB 806 - Provides that the U.S. and Missouri state flags shall be flown at half-staff for one full day whenever a Missouri resident is killed in the line of duty during military service.

SB 830 - Establishes the "Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act," and provides that all public institutions of higher education that receive any state funds appropriated by the general assembly shall limit the tuition charged to combat veterans to fifty dollars per credit hour, for any program leading to a certificate, or an associate or baccalaureate degree.

HB 1313 - Requires the Commissioner of the Office of Administration to give preference to certain disabled veterans doing business as Missouri companies when awarding state contracts if the quality of work is equal or better and the price is the same or less.

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